

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE LA SALLE CITY COUNCIL  
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS,  
745 SECOND STREET, LA SALLE, IL.  
7:00 P.M., TUESDAY, MAY 8, 2012**

**CALL TO ORDER**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ROLL CALL**

**PRESENT**

Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Edgcomb,  
Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon, Schneider

**ABSENT**

None.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Lavieri that the minutes of the regular city council meeting held at Tuesday, April 24, 2012 and recessed to Tuesday, May 1, 2012 are approved and placed on file; each and every alderman has a copy. Voice vote all ayes; motion carried.

**PRESENTATIONS**

There were four different presentations regarding Electrical Aggregation

1. Tamika Cole represented supplier Ameren Corporation as well as Kris Fitzanko from Homefield Energy
2. Don Frontone, consultant from Stone River Group
3. Kevin Ritter and Richard Sylke represented Integrys Energy
4. Mike Mudge, consultant from Rock River Energy Services

Each presenter outlined what they had to offer the city and explained their proposals.

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Edgcomb that Ana Koval is allowed to address the council with an update on the Canal Boat. Voice vote all ayes; motion carried.

Ms. Koval presented the Canal Corridor Association Economic & Fiscal Impact Assessment and gave an update of activities and events currently scheduled for the Canal Boat. Ms. Koval said total staffing for the boat and visitor's center is 11 full-time staff, plus the mule. The Visitor's Center has a complete calendar of lectures, teas, showers, meetings, etc. The Canal Boat and Visitor's Center is advertised along I-80 from Iowa to the Illinois-Indiana Border. Ms. Koval said that the mules Larry and Moe have their own Facebook Page.

Mr. Terry Boyer of Clark Dietz Engineers spoke about doing an energy savings and grant funding feasibility study at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Mr. Boyer said they are looking for DCEO Grant funds for aeration system energy savings and the anaerobic digesters gas utilization at the wastewater treatment plant. Mr. Boyer said that his proposal to do a feasibility study and submit a grant application would cost the city up to \$8,500.00. The grant would be on a 50/50 basis.

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Edgcomb that authorization is given to enter into an agreement with Clark Dietz Engineers regarding the feasibility study for energy savings project at the old wastewater treatment plant based on the review of the City Attorney, City Engineer, Superintendent and Mayor.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Edgcomb, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon, Schneider. NAY: None. Motion carried.

### **PETITIONS**

Moved by Alderman Bacidore and seconded by Alderman Edgcomb that Bill Bradford is allowed to seek donations for poppy's at various LaSalle stores the week of September 9-15, 2012. Voice vote all ayes; motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Edgcomb and seconded by Alderman Ptak that the request from Ameren Illinois to remove a pole and anchor at 826 LaHarpe Street is granted. Voice vote all ayes; motion carried.

### **REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS**

Moved by Alderman Bacidore and second by Alderman Demes that the Building Inspectors' Report for April 2012 showing total value of construction of \$190,341.00 and total fees collected of \$1,710.00 is accepted and placed on file; each alderman has a copy. Voice vote all ayes; motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Lavieri that the Treasurers' Report for April 2012 showing cash balances in the LaSalle State Bank of \$551,551.75 and in the Hometown National Bank of \$1,829,106.36 is accepted and placed on file; each alderman has a copy. Voice vote all ayes; motion carried.

### **COMMUNICATIONS**

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Lavieri that the Illinois Department of Transportation Audit Report No. 66 covering the receipt and disbursement of Motor Fuel Tax funds for the period beginning January 1, 2011 and ending December 31, 2011 is accepted and placed on file; each alderman has a copy. Voice vote all ayes; motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Lavieri that the Illinois Department of Transportation report showing Motor Fuel Tax for April 2012 of \$18,654.82 is accepted and placed on file; each alderman has a copy. Voice vote all ayes; motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Lavieri that the Illinois Department of Revenue Reports showing sales tax for February 2012 of \$65,761.61 and referendum approved sales tax of \$27,640.74 is accepted and placed on file; each alderman has a copy. Voice vote all ayes; motion carried.

### **STANDING COMMITTEES**

Alderman Duncan, Chair of the Public Health Committee, announced that the Committee would meet at 6:00 P.M. Tuesday, May 22 in the council chambers of city hall to continue the discussion regarding the burning ordinance, with possible recommendation.

Moved by Alderman Duncan and seconded by Alderman Ptak that, at the recommendation by the Lighting Committee, the request to relocate a light pole in the alley between Joliet and Hennepin and 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Street is denied. Voice vote all ayes; motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Bacidore and seconded by Alderman Ptak that, at the recommendation by the Streets, Alleys and Traffic Committee, the request to designate no parking on the East side of LaHarpe Street from 11<sup>th</sup> Street all the way North is denied. Voice vote all ayes; motion carried.

### **SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

Economic Development Director Don Aleksy reported that all the paperwork for demolition of Matthiessen School has been submitted and the project is ready to go out for bid.

Alderman Schneider wanted the council know that he has been informed that there are some communication issues with our new insurance consultant regarding health insurance

Alderman Demes announced that on May 26<sup>th</sup>, the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of this month, the first French Market Arts & Crafts Show will be held in the parking lot of LaSalle State Bank. The show will be held the Fourth Saturday of every month through September from 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

Alderman Herndon said he has received calls concerning our tennis courts at Hegeler Park being used by L-P High School, and Alderman Lavieri said the Park Board is aware of this.

Alderman Lavieri said he and Alderman Duncan had calls complaining about the organization soliciting donations at 11<sup>th</sup> and Bucklin. They were complaining about the collection time.

Mayor Grove asked that a request to review the traffic flow on Crosat from O’Conor Avenue south to 8<sup>th</sup> Street be referred to the Streets, Alley and Traffic Committee for study and a recommendation. Alderman Bacidore said the Committee will meet at 6:45 P.M. on May 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Alderman Duncan said he had received a request from a resident for a sign for East bound traffic on O’Conor Avenue at Northwest School designating “20 mph speed limit on school days when children are present” be referred to the Streets, Alleys and Traffic Committee for study and a recommendation.

Alderman Duncan said that the same resident had provided him with a list of 6 or 7 intersections within the 3<sup>rd</sup> ward that were in violation of the ordinance where the landscaping was blocking the view of the intersection. Our Building inspector will be provided with the list of the locations.

### **ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS**

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Bacidore that Ordinance No. 2345: An Ordinance Approving Maintenance Agreement with ACLARA Technologies, LLC and Related Matters is accepted and passed with authorization from the Mayor, City Attorney and Superintendent of Public Works; each and every alderman has a copy.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Edgcomb, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon, Schneider. NAY: None. Motion carried.

#### **Ordinance No. 2345: An Ordinance Approving Maintenance Agreement with ACLARA Technologies, LLC and Related Matters**

Moved by Alderman Bacidore and seconded by Alderman Schneider that Ordinance No. 2346: An Ordinance Further Regulating Traffic, Clarifying Speed Limit on a Portion of 24<sup>th</sup> Street within the City of LaSalle, Illinois is accepted and passed; each and every alderman has a copy.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Edgcomb, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon, Schneider. NAY: None. Motion carried.

#### **Ordinance No. 2346: An Ordinance Further Regulating Traffic, Clarifying Speed Limit on a Portion of 24<sup>th</sup> Street within the City of LaSalle, Illinois**

Mayor Grove said he wanted to revisit the presentations regarding electric aggregation which were given earlier in the meeting.

Alderman Schneider said he was in favor of going with Rock River Energy Services since they were with the city from the beginning and walked us through the referendum process. Attorney McPhedran said that each of the 4 firms seemed to be qualified entities.

Moved by Alderman Schneider and seconded by Alderman Herndon that the city contracts with Rock River Energy Services and allow them to bid on aggregate suppliers for the City.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Edgcomb, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon, Schneider. NAY: None. Motion carried.

9:34 P.M. Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Schneider that the regular council meeting is recessed and the council goes into Executive Session regarding pending and/or potential imminent litigation and related matters and collective bargaining negotiations with FOP, Fire Department Union and AFSCME and related matters.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Edgcomb, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon, Schneider. NAY: None. Motion carried.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION: Regarding pending and/or potential imminent litigation and related matters and collective bargaining negotiations with FOP, Fire Department Union and AFSCME and related matters**

10:09 P.M. Moved by Alderman Herndon and seconded by Alderman Lavieri that the Executive Session is adjourned and the council returns to the regular meeting.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Edgcomb, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon, Schneider. NAY: None. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF BILLS**

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Lavieri that bills submitted totaling \$470,964.06 (Payroll \$146,306.25; bills to be paid \$57,705.39 bills paid \$266,952.42) be accepted, paid and placed on file; each and every alderman has a copy.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Edgcomb, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon, Schneider. NAY: None. Motion carried.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Alderman Duncan and seconded by Alderman Schneider that the meeting is adjourned. Voice vote all ayes; motion carried.

**ADJOURNED 10:10 P.M.**

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Virginia Kochanowski Clerk